

# AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE PERMIT GUIDE



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The Department of Permits and  
Inspections  
Talbot County, Maryland

## Zoning Certificate

- A zoning certificate is required prior to construction of an agricultural structure in Talbot County. A zoning certificate application may be obtained from the Talbot County Department of Permits and Inspections located at 28712 Glebe Road, Suite 1, Easton, Maryland. Office hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. A fee is required for the permit. Each applicant is required to fill out the **entire** permit application and sign and date the bottom.
- The permit application must be accompanied by three (3) copies of a plot plan (a drawing of the property also referred to as a site plan). Must be drawn to a standard scale (ex: 1"=10', 20', 30', 40', 50', 100'). The plot plan shall be drawn to scale and show all property lines with dimensions, location of all existing structure(s), proposed structure(s), driveway, well(s), septic system and sewage disposal area(s). The plot plan may be prepared by the applicant or by a competent professional familiar with the application requirements provided the drawing(s) is accurate, legible and to scale.
- Agricultural structures involving livestock or poultry houses located within 1500 feet of any established municipal boundary and any other agricultural structure over 6,000 square feet located within 500 feet of any established municipal boundary, must first receive site plan approval from the Talbot County Planning Commission before applying for a zoning certificate.
- Setbacks for certain agricultural buildings including poultry houses, hog houses, dairy barns and structures for aquaculture shall be a minimum of 200 feet from all property lines. Setbacks for horse stables shall be 100 feet from all property lines.
- After a stakeout inspection is completed by a building inspector and approved, the zoning certificate will be issued.

- An applicant is required to contact the Department of Permits and Inspections at 410-770-6840 for a final inspection upon completion of the agricultural structure.
- Construction must begin within nine months and be completed within eighteen months.

**This permit guide may not address all situations but is intended to provide general information for the permitting process.**

**Please contact our office for site plan requirements if needed.**